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SUBJECT: (U) AFGHAN DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES

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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

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3. IN ANOTHER EXILE DEVELOPMENT, THREE MAJOR GROUPS (HEZB-I-ISLAMI, JAMAT ISLAMI AFGHANISTAN, AND NATIONAL FRONT) HELD A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT FLASHMANS HOTEL

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RAWALPINDI, MARCH 11. LEADERS (MOHAMMED NABI MOHAMMEDI,

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BURHANUDDIN RABANI, AND GULBADDIN) ANNOUNCED THEIR UNITY OF GOALS BUT STOPPED SHORT OF ANNOUNCING ORGANIZATIONAL UNIFICATION. GAILANI'S GROUP WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT THIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. FOREIGN JOURNALIST WHO WAS PRESENT AT CONFERENCE HAS SHARED WITH US HAND-WRITTEN JOINT DECLARATION OF THREE GROUPS WHICH CALLS FOR "JIHAD" AGAINST "COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED JUNTA" IN KABUL. DECLARATION--MENTIONED THIS MORNING IN PRESS AND ON BBC--SAYS THE ANTI-RELIGIOUS REIME IN KABUL CONTROLS ONLY THE MUITIES OF AFGHANISTAN AND "LIBERATION FORCES" NEED ONLY FINAL PUSH TO ELIMINATE THEM. STATEMENT PLEDGES UNIFIED EFFORT OF THREE GROUPS TO FINISH PROCESS.

5. STATEMENT CLAIMS GOAL OF GROUPS IS ESTABLISHMENT OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC IN AFGHANISTAN; ASSISTANCE TOWARD THIS GOAL WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM FRIENDLY ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. WHILE GROUPS CLAIM NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH IRANIAN REGIME, THEY CITE EXAMPLE OF THAT SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE AS THEIR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE.

6. AT CONFERENCE, LIBERATION GROUP SPOKESMEN ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT PUBLICATION IN SAUDI DAILY "OKAZE" OF AN INTERVIEW WITH PRES. ZIA UL-HAQ IN WHICH PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SAID GOP IS PROVIDING NO SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN EXILE GROUPS EXCEPT FOOD AND SHELTER. ZIA REPORTEDLY ADDED, HOWEVER, THE GOP CONSIDERS ITSELF INVOLVED IN THE "COMMON STRUGGLE" AGAINST COMMUNIST DOMINATION IN AFGHANISTAN. ZIA IS QUOTED AS PUTTING NUMBER OF AFGHAN REFUGEES RECEIVING GOP AID AT
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30,000 IN THIS SAUDI INTERVIEW--UP 10,000 FROM HIS PREVIOUS PUBLIC ESTIMATE.

7. FOR JIDDA: WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL TRANSLATION OF REPORTED "OKAZE" INTERVIEW, AS IT APPEARS TO BE ZIA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN PRONOUNCEMENT ON AFGHAN EXILES' ACTIVITIES WE HAVE SEEN. LOCAL PRESS HAS NOT, RPT NOT, CARRIED SUBSTANCE OF ALLEGED INTERVIEW.
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